
ESSAY COMPETITION RULES



General Rules:

1. Each entry is to be prepared and submitted by an individual student (not team).
2. An individual middle school student will compete only with other middle school students.
3. An individual high school student will compete only with other high school students.

Theme:

- ✍ The theme for the 2003 SECME Essay Competition is:
“SECME: Vehicle of the Future - Engineered for Success”
Note: Students *must* choose a specific topic within this broad theme.

Requirements:

1. Title Page: Title of Essay (based on the 2003 theme)
Student’s name, grade, age
Home address, zip code, and telephone number
Name of school and address, Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Contest Coordinator’s name and date

The title page is to be computer printed/typed page on 8 1/2” x 11” white paper, double spaced with one-inch borders on each side, 12 pt. font size and Times New Roman or CG Times font (not included in required page limit).
2. Essay: **Middle School Student Entry**
Three to four neat computer printed/typed pages, on 8 1/2” x 11” white paper, double spaced with one-inch borders on each page, 12 pt. font size, Times New Roman or CG Times font.

High School Student Entry
Four to six neat computer printed/typed pages, on 8 1/2” white paper, double spaced with one-inch borders on each page, 12 pt. font size, Times New Roman or CG Times Font.
3. Bibliography: Reference sources and direct quotations are required to be identified numerically by page and sources, cited in standard bibliographic form (not included in the required page limit).

Judging:

Essays will be judged on: Title Page; organization; sentence structure and diction; mechanics, spelling and punctuation; creativity/style; and bibliography and footnotes.

1. Maximum number of points is 100.
2. Completed essays should be received in the District SECME office by the end of the workday (4:30 p.m.) on Wednesday, **JANUARY 31, 2003**. (Attn: **Elizabeth Travieso**; M-DCPS Division of Mathematics and Science Education, 1500 Biscayne Blvd., Room 327; Miami, FL 33132 or School Mail: 9628, SBAB Annex)

✍ **Please note: Late entries will not be eligible for competition! Mark Your Calendars!**

